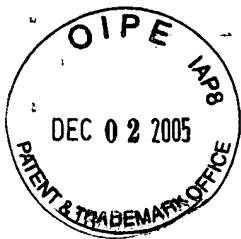




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Application No. 09/523,767-Conf. #5862		Filing Date March 11, 2000		Examiner J. R. Baxter	
Art Unit 3731					
Applicant(s): Eugene De Juan, Jr. et al.					
Invention: SUTURELESS OCCULAR SURGICAL METHODS AND INSTRUMENTS FOR USING SUCH METHODS					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, in the above referenced application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.